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TOSEC 103

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY JACK B. KUBISCH

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM CARACAS 21 FEB 74:

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SUBJECT: CANDIDATES FOR TOP OIL POSTS

AREVALO REYES, DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION OF MINISTRY OF MINES
AND HYDROCARBONS, WHO IS HIGHEST RANKING OFFICIAL OF THAT
MINISTRY WHO IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH AD PARTY, CONFIRMED
TO PETROLEUM ATTACHE TODAY THAT VALENTIN HERNANDEZ IS ALMOST
CERTAIN TO BECOME MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS.
REYES SAID THAT THE MAIN THING THAT HAS HELD UP ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE APPOINTMENT IS THAT HERNANDEZ IS NOT IN AGREEMENT
WITH PROPOSAL TO NAME ARTURO HERNANDEZ-GRISANTI AS HEAD
OF STATE OIL COMPANY (CVP) WITH RANK OF CABINET MINISTER.
HERNANDEZ REASONS, PROBABLY QUITE CORRECTLY, THAT HE
WOULD BE IN DANGER OF BEING OVERSHADOWED BY HERNANDEZ-
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GRISANTI WHO IS EXTREMELY WELL KNOWN AD POLITICIAN AND

WAS CONSIDERED TO BE AD'S OIL EXPERT IN LAST CONGRESS.
REYES THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT HERNANDEZ-GRISANTI, WHOSE
APTITUDES ARE MORE USEFUL IN CONGRESS THAN IN EXECUTIVE
BRANCH, WOULD BECOME HEAD OF COMMITTEE OF MINES AND
HYDROCARBONS OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. CLEARLY, HERNANDEZ-
GRISANTI WOULD PREFER TO BECOME MINISTER BUT THIS DOES
NOT SEEM TO BE IN THE CARDS AT THIS TIME. MCCLINTOCK
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